Personal Profile

**Background Information**

My name is “Sungeun” and I’m from South Korea. My name, ‘Sungeun’ means sincerity and grace. I have one younger brother and his name is “Sungchan”. I was born in Seoul, which is the capital of South Korea. My home university is Sookmyung Women’s University in Seoul. Seoul is very different from here, Utah and the biggest differences are a bunch of tall buildings and a very high population density. Seoul has a very good transportation system so you can go anywhere fast and easily.

**Interests and Hobbies**

I have been swimming since I was 5 years old. The reason why I started swimming was to raise my immunity. I was sick often when I was little kid and started to swim by doctor’s recommendation. Surprisingly, I was so much healthier after I started swimming. I made lots of friends and I was able to build endurance as well. We usually played games instead of training at the end of each month. As I swam for half of my life, I have various episodes related to swimming. One of them was crossing the river by swimming.

I also enjoy travelling and being able to experience unique landscapes such as the alps in Switzerland or The Great Wall of China. I hope that while I am in America I will be able to travel around to experience more amazing landscapes. My hobbies also include dancing such as Jazz dance or Ballet both of which I have done since a young age. \

**Significant experience**

My most significant experiences are going on a road trip round Europe with my family when I was 12. This trip motivated me to study abroad and broaden my perspectives. I visited France, Switzerland, and Italy. France was beautiful at night, the alps in Switzerland was scenic, and Italy was a fairy tale like country. During this short trip, I me t many friendly people and experienced their different lifestyles, customs, and cultures. With this trip as a momentum, I became more interested in foreign languages and traveling around the world.

Secondly, I really enjoy volunteering. I have been volunteering since I was in high school. One of the biggest goals of my life is to live a positive impact on other people’s lives. By volunteering, I have got closer to this goal. I taught math’s to middle school students in an orphanage for 2 years. I told them about the challenges I overcame to inspire them to reach their goals. My teaching hopefully enabled them to pursue their dreams.

Most recently I have had a great opportunity to study abroad in the USA. During my time here, I have made lots of friends from around the world including France, Germany, Japan, and the UK. I like that Utah is very peaceful and beautiful, unlike Seoul which is very busy and crowded. Although English has been a challenge, I have learned a lot. I have learned lots of cultural differences as well. I have been impressed by very different classroom atmosphere including free discussion and lots of conversations between an instructor and students.